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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report and an International Preliminary Report on Patentability with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/016016, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of an English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is enclosed herewith.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-301940, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-278903, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-042288, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 60-245858, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

Applicants further submit the following document.

- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 5-52254, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed on page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official

communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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